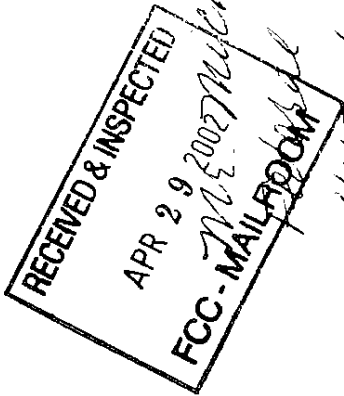
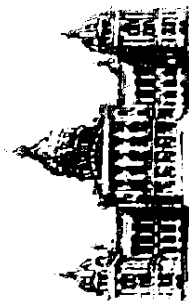


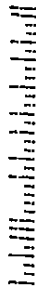
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Dear Mr. Powell,

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my support for the merger between EchoStar and DirecTV. At this time, I would also encourage your support of this merger.

A convergence of mediums is inevitable with the rapid expansion of information technology. It seems the possibilities are endless. Some examples of technology currently in use include, placing a phone call through your computer; sending e-mail through your TV; and listening to your favorite radio station by Internet. Innovation is the keystone of the growth that we've seen.

That is why I support this merger. It seems to me their collaboration on programming and a technological team, as far as sharing satellite space would be a great benefit for many customers, especially here in Iowa.

Instead of leaving consumers out to dry with limited access, or perhaps no access, a proposal like this would bring competitive technology to even the most remote locations, allowing individuals and businesses to compete in the global marketplace.

This plan is in the public interest and it's a good idea! Please support the EchoStar-DirecTV merger.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Sukup".

Steve

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